

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
July 2, 2012 at 7p.m.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde and John Stantz. Dean Bruce was absent.

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Town Marshal Richard Foutch, Sewage Dept. Supt. Shelley Edwards, Street Dept. Supt. Larry Parrish, Michael Stanley, James Baughn, Denise Shaw and Sheila Reeves

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR June 18, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as clarified by Jon Stantz (in paragraph 1, he clarified he was not Mr. Hammond's contractor, just a friend), seconded by Cynthia Hyde and the motion passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Denise Shaw, with Owen County Economic Development stated that they were starting the preliminary work for the 46 Corridor Sewer Project and as part of that, they were assembling a task force and would like to have the Board name two appointments from the Town to be a part of this. Cynthia Hyde asked that this be tabled until the next meeting when Dean Bruce will be present.

Next, the Indiana State H.O.G. Rally Event Registration was presented for approval for August 26th, for the west and south streets by the Courthouse Square from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event registration, seconded by Cynthia Hyde, and passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marshal Foutch reported that the mobile radios were being installed. ECS will redo the old radios for the Street and Sewer Dept. once they are through with the installations. Then they will renew all licenses. He also stated that the police had ordered white polos for the county fair, with Cynthia's approval.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Sheila Reeves distributed copies of the 2012 ytd expenses and the 2013 estimated budgets. Next, discussion of equipment (laptop and camera) purchased by the Town for use of the Building Inspector was discussed.

Jon Stantz made a motion that the laptop and camera be transferred to the Building Department as long as the Town and County are combined. If the collaboration ends, then the equipment should be returned to the Town. Cynthia Hyde seconded the motion and it passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Parrish updated the Board on progress with the Safe Routes to School Project. He next presented an estimate from J.L. Benton for replacing the north, east and west, corners of Market and Montgomery to make them ADA compliant.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow J.L. Benton Contracting to install ADA, wheelchair accessible sidewalk corners at the corner of Montgomery and Market Streets, in the amount of \$10,360. Cynthia Hyde seconded, and it passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Two swimming pool adjustments were presented for approval in the amounts of \$33.36 and \$50.04. Both adjustments met the criteria for approval.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the adjustments, seconded by Cynthia Hyde and it was passed 2-0.

Shelley Edwards tendered his resignation as Superintendent and Operator of the wastewater treatment facility, per agreement between Mr. Edwards with IDEM.

Jon Stantz made a motion that the resignation be accepted based on those facts, seconded by Cynthia and passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

The Fire Territory Board recommended that Pat Day be added to the board to replace the vacancy. There was no objection by the Town to this recommendation so it was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz asked if the Carol Sandberg nuisance issue had been resolved, and according to Jon Stantz, it had not.

Next, because of Mr. Edwards resignation, Mr. Lorenz had prepared advertisements for both the Superintendent and the Street Dept. Driver/laboror position. Because of the necessity to have salary ranges for these positions, the Board determined that they would not have time to schedule an executive session, but would discuss these matters before adjournment.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to accept the claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Jon Stantz, and passed 2-0.

Discussion followed, in the matter of proposed salaries for John Hodge. He will work at the same hourly rate as Mr. Edwards, which is \$23.92, but would not have any benefits. He will work as required, which would be approximately 3 days a week, for about 90 days, or until he is replaced and the new hire is ready to assume the responsibilities.

Discussion followed regarding salary ranges for the two new hires. The labor position for the Street Dept will have a wage range of \$14 to \$16.50. For the Sewer Department Supervisor, further research will be needed to see what the State will allow the town to offer in keeping with the salary ordinance.

Richard Lorenz next mentioned that Shelley would like to remain in employment as a maintenance technician. This position would be a demotion, and would limit his responsibilities, and what he is able to perform. In view of this, the Board came up with an hourly rate that was acceptable to both them, and Mr. Edwards. He will be able to keep his benefits and seniority.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. seconded by Cynthia Hyde and the motion passed 2-0.

Cynthia Hyde, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer